

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
October 22, 2008**

Board Members Present:

Everett "Buck" Ward
Don Clark
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner
Peter Curran
Marvin Hempleman
Marypat Fields

District Staff Present:

Rene LeBlanc, Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Maggi Machala, Community Health Director
Jeff Pierson, IT Manager
Jeremy St Clair, Financial Specialist
Karyn Goodale, Public Health Preparedness Manager
Mary Jensen, HIV-STD Program Coordinator
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Board Members Excused:

Don Billings

Guests:

Ben Botkin, Times News

Minutes

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Mr. Faulkner: "I move that we approve the minutes of the September 24, 2008, meeting." Motion carried.

A copy of the New Elected Official Orientation presentation (on Idaho Public Health Districts) that Mr. LeBlanc will be giving at the IAC conference in Pocatello was shared with the Board members.

Fiscal Report

Jeremy St Clair reviewed the Comparison to Budget report through the month of September. Revenues are coming in a little slow especially in Community Health and Environmental Health. The Pass-Through Account balance is \$715,762. The October report will show the \$14,200 holdback in State funding. The Investment Fund Comparison report shows that the Diversified Bond Fund is performing better than the JEPA Fund this year, 4.61% and 2.59% respectively.

The final proposal from Lytle Signs for changes in signage for the Jerome, Bellevue, and Rupert offices was received. The project was approved last fiscal year, but we just received the bid for about \$4,000. As this item was not included in this year's budget. The recommendation is to pay for it out of the remodel fund or include it in the budget revision in January.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Ms. Montgomery): "I move that we approve the bid from Lytle Signs." Motion carried.

Administrative Report

Mr. LeBlanc gave a recap on the recent General Staff Training Day held at the Herrett's Center on September 26. Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Clark were in attendance. Staff survey results were positive with the highlight of the day being a presentation by Andy Fujimoto on "Four Generations in the Workplace." If he presents again for us, Ms. Montgomery would like us to open it up for other community organizations.

This year's Legislative Luncheon Meeting will be held in our facility on November 13. Letters and save-the-date cards have been sent to both incumbents and those running for office. Handouts to be included in the legislative packets were reviewed. The Food Inspection legislation will be a topic for discussion. The Board of Health meeting for November will be convened following the lunch.

Mr. LeBlanc reviewed a program prioritization document prepared by the District Directors. Health Districts receive funding from the state and counties, fees, and contracts. Increased funding from the state and counties is not anticipated, fees can only be increased so much before it becomes a barrier to service, and contracts are not keeping up with inflation. District funds currently offset 46% of contract program costs. Programs that require that most district support are adult immunizations, childhood immunizations, family planning, and food protection. Board members recommended not making changes to the childhood immunization program. We may need to look at our method of delivery and take immunizations to the communities.

PIO Update

Mr. Pierson reported on projects the CSI IT and design graphics interns have been working on. Projects include office bulletin board displays, immunization posters, and the District annual report. Products are of good quality and cost effective. Ms. Montgomery recommended acknowledging and giving credit to the CSI partnership on the annual report.

Community Health Report

Ms. Machala reported that we did not receive federal funding for the Nurse Family Partnership Pilot. She is proceeding with the program by submitting grant applications to a variety of funding sources. Next week she will be requesting additional funding from the Millennium Fund. Ms. Machala reviewed a document entitled *A Snapshot of Idaho* showing that social factors such as income, education levels, and race have a direct impact on the health of children. Idaho statistics indicate that Idaho's children are not as healthy as they could be.

Environmental Health Report

Mr. Egbert updated the Board on the success of the Food Coalition Awards ceremony held in September. This event proved to be positive with the industry and community with recognition given to award recipients in the newspaper.

The workload in the Lands program continues to be busy with inspections on permits issued earlier in the year. Permit issuance is declining which will result in a lighter workload over the next few months. The Division is down one employee which will offset the decline in revenues.

Mr. Egbert reviewed a *Drinking Water Arsenic Update for the Magic Valley* fact sheet that addressed the arsenic rule history and mitigation and funding options. The systems that have arsenic problems in our area are all in Twin Falls County. Currently, about \$23.5 million is being expended to resolve the arsenic issues. Most systems are under Compliance Agreement Schedules and have been funded by grants or bonds to come into compliance.

Communicable Disease and Prevention Report

Ms. Jensen gave the Board an update on the recent increase in HIV cases in Idaho. Several of the cases have been linked to internet dating sites, and HIV infections are on the rise in young people. A CDC doctor came to Idaho to take positive samples back for a faster method of testing for strains (possibility of multiple contact sources). Concerns are with the possibility of a wild virus and HIV Type II not seen in Idaho before. The District is requesting an additional 300 testing kits to provide free testing in clinics to increase early detection of HIV cases.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Ms. Fields): “I move that we go into executive session as authorized by Idaho Law 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing employee or real property issues.” Motion carried.

Recommendation was made to invite Russ Lively to the next Board meeting to show draft facility drawings and site plan.

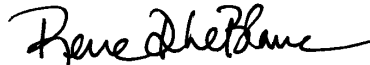
MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Ms. Fields): “I move that we adjourn.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.



Everett “Buck” Ward
Board Chairman

Attest:



Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on November 13, 2008